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Please **INSERT** the following paragraphs on page 1 of the specification, below the Title of the invention and above the heading "Field of the Invention":

The present application is

a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/716,192, filed November 17, 2000 in the name of Walker et al. and entitled GAMING DEVICE AND METHOD OF OPERATION THEREOF,

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The entirety of both the above applications is incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.